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Musgrave urges funding for ag research station

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., has urged House and Senate negotiators of the annual agriculture appropriations legislation to provide funding during fiscal year 2004 for the Central Great Plains Research Station in Akron.

In a letter to the chairmen of the appropriations committees in both the House and Senate, Musgrave detailed the importance of this research to help farmers and ranchers improve crop yields.

"This research plays an essential and unique role in assisting agricultural producers in eastern Colorado in solving dryland production problems," said Musgrave.

"Including funding in this annual legislation is important to the region's farmers who look to this program for technical assistance in implementing innovative crop rotation systems and reduced tillage practices."

Operated through the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, the Central Great Plains Research Station (CGPRS) assists farmers and ranchers in eastern Colorado, southeastern Wyoming, western Kansas, Nebraska and northern Oklahoma. The station is the only federal research station directed at solving dryland production problems in these five states.